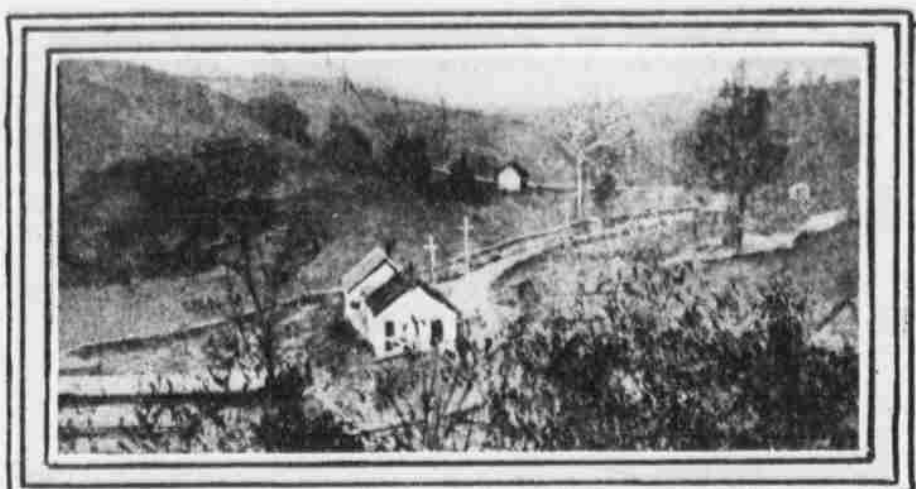


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CAMP PLEASANT, KY.



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**A** HONEYMOON during which the bride helped her husband to build fifty miles of railroad, construct a cement plant, and develop a lead mine forms the experience of a young Illinois engineer and his Iowa wife. From a comfortable and substantial home the bride went into the shelter of a tent, commenced housekeeping under canvas, and for more than a year presided in a home more than 100 miles from the civilizing influences under which she had been reared. She carried to her camp home the knowledge of good housekeeping that had been taught her by her mother, and enlisted it in the aid of her husband. Wherever he went she followed.

The honeymoon has lasted nearly five years, and it isn't ended yet. No one who knows them believes it ever will end. Both of these young people possessed accomplishments that made society and its functions attractive to them. Both were musicians. Both were fond of the pleasures of life. Yet they forsook society and went together into the "wilderness."

## Cupid Conspires to Aid Engineer.

The groom, Walter Jones, had taken a special course in engineering at the University of Illinois. He is a member of a family in which one of the predominant traits of character is determination. He found work almost at once. Later he entered the employ of the Rock Island railroad and was at-

tached to a surveying party running lines near Manson, Ia. While at this work he met, by strange chance, Ella Moody, the young woman who was to become his wife. It was a case of love at first sight. They were married during the first year of their acquaintance.

Shortly after that the railroad projected a new line in New Mexico, and the Illinois engineer was given a section of heavy work in one of the wildest and most remote sections of the west. His bride went with him. They were required to drive from Las Vegas to Pajarito, a distance of 100 miles, through wild country.

Here, within the shout of "mule skinner" and the aroma of a "meat burner's" fire, they began housekeeping in a railway construction camp. It was a tent that sheltered them from the elements for over a year. Here a clever housekeeper maintained an attractive home as long as the work of her husband lasted.

When the section was completed the pair returned to Chicago, only to engage for another piece of work of the same kind in Illinois. It was the building of a new line near Hillsboro. Then they went to Michigan for the purpose of constructing a plant for the manufacture of cement.

## Bride Aids Husband in Work.

Some of the work of this engineer was done in places where the advantages of hotels and boarding places were to



THE CANVAS HOME IN NEW MEXICO



SHAFT HOUSE OF THE MINE



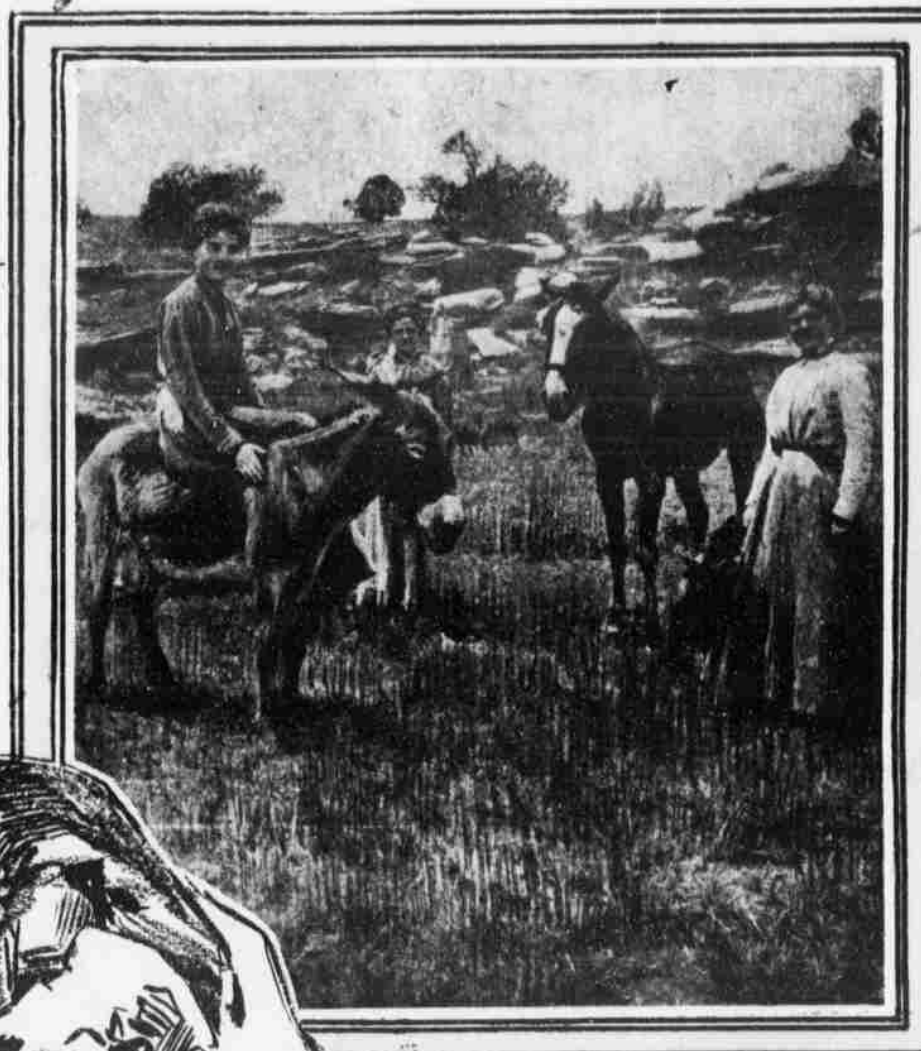
MRS. WALTER  
JONES



WALTER W. JONES



THE LITTLE HOME  
IN KENTUCKY



WIFE SHOWS VISITORS SOME OF HER  
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be had, but wherever they were located the wife was the aid of her husband. She kept his accounts, attended to much of his correspondence, and at times it was the wife who took the part of a roddman in running lines.

From boyhood the husband had learned how to rough it. His father had been a mining expert. The son had seen life in many of the western states and territories. He had staked, worked, and proved claims. The wife took an interest in anything that meant physical culture, intuitively. She could harness a horse quicker than a man. It is said her father was accustomed to hold the watch on her to see how fast she could do it and bring the turnout around to the door. She could shoot like an Indian, an accomplishment that stood her in good play for the life she was destined to lead. She inherited a fearlessness from both sides of the family. The work of her husband took him ten miles or more from their tent, but he never left it without feeling absolutely sure she could take care of herself. Surveying was a family calling among her people, that had been performed as far back as in the army of George Washington.

## Now Working in Kentucky.

The young couple now are in Kentucky, engaged in the development of a lead mine, and no part of their unique calling has been more interesting than this undertaking. Illinois people acquired an ownership in a section of Kentucky showing

traces of lead and zinc, but no experts could find it in paying quantities. The young husband brought his mining experience into play, and in less than a half year more had been accomplished than for a quarter of a century by other hands.

Here the pair were again obliged to isolate themselves. They settled in a deep ravine, strangers in the strangest land they had seen, and in which no house was to be had for love or money. With his own hands the husband built one, and it was ready when the wife appeared on the scene.

That this couple were able to live in uninterrupted happiness away from home and friends is owing in great measure to the fact that they carried their home habits with them and never abandoned them. When they were in New Mexico they freighted a barrel of chinaware as good as that emanating many tables in Chicago. The table and linen and ware were their wedding presents. The spread they made under canvas was not a whit less inviting and tempting than that of either of the homes whence they came.

## Bride Always Ready with Gun.

One custom of the husband has been to provide every convenience that ingenuity could invent during the times that they were many miles from home advantages. In New Mexico he contrived a combination table and cupboard, at which the wife could stand, within reach of anything she wanted, including a revolver of a bore calculated for an effective defense. One day, while she was at work at this piece of furniture, the tent was suddenly darkened by a forbidding character in the door. In an instant the gun was in her grasp, but before she used it she made use of the vernacular of the region.

"Hit the track," she told him, with steady aim and flashing eye; "hit it or I'll hit you." He struck the gait.

Up to this time there is no place where the wife has not been able to follow the husband, even to putting her foot in the loop of a cable, and holding on with her hands is lowered ninety feet to the bottom of the mine. This she has been accustomed to do with all of the fearlessness of her husband.

It has been the constant aim of this couple to agree in everything. On the day of their wedding they formed an odd compact. They agreed that they would never close their eyes with a difference unsettled. That pledge during five years of their married life has been preserved inviolate. The husband says he has always tried to hold his wife in the character of a chum. There has never been anything too small to be divided between them. They chat like schoolboys or schoolgirls and are as full of the jollity.